

Version of amended claims showing deletions and additions.

Deletions are enclosed in brackets in blue print while additions are underlined in red print.

1. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film for decorating a lineal molding, said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film comprising at least one hot transfer inked foil carried on a carrier having said at least one said hot transfer inked foil laminated onto a planar wrapping paper [film] thereby creating said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film wherein said carrier is removed from said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film and said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.
2. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film has at least one other hot transfer foil layered onto said paper decorative wrapping film thereby creating said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film wherein said carrier is removed from said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film and said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.
3. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 2 wherein said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film has an adhesive applied to a side of said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film opposite said one other hot transfer foil, said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film wrapped about a substrate to be decorated.
4. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film has an adhesive applied to a side of said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film opposite said hot transfer foil, said paper decorative [molding] wrapping film wrapped about a substrate to be decorated.
5. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.
6. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque hot transfer foil.
7. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 2 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque hot transfer foil.
8. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 7 wherein said at least one said other said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.
9. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 2 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.
10. (twice amended) A paper decorative [molding] wrapping film as in claim 9 wherein said at least one said other said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

11. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film comprising at least one hot transfer inked foil carried on a carrier, said at least one said hot transfer inked foil laminated onto an embossed wrapping film thereby creating a laminated embossed wrapping film wherein said carrier is removed from said laminated embossed wrapping film and said embossed laminated wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

12. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said embossed laminated wrapping film has at least one other hot transfer foil layered onto said embossed layered film thereby creating a laminated embossed wrapping film wherein said carrier is removed from said laminated embossed wrapping film and said laminated embossed wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

13. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 12 wherein said laminated embossed wrapping film has an adhesive applied to a side of said laminated embossed wrapping film opposite said one other hot transfer foil, said laminated embossed wrapping film wrapped about a substrate to be decorated.

14. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said laminated embossed wrapping film has an adhesive applied to a side of said laminated wrapping film opposite said hot transfer foil, said laminated embossed wrapping film wrapped about a substrate to be decorated.

15. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque hot transfer foil.

16. (canceled) {A decorative molding film as in claim 11 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a metallic hot transfer foil.}

17. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

18. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 12 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque colored hot transfer foil.

19. (canceled) {A decorative molding film as in claim 12 wherein said at least one said other hot transfer inked foil is a metallic hot transfer foil.}

20. (twice amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film comprising at least one hot transfer inked foil carried on a carrier, said at least one said hot transfer inked foil having a portion of the ink thereon removed prior to being laminated onto a planar paper wrapping film thereby creating a laminated paper wrapping film having portions of the base color of said planar paper wrapping film showing therethrough wherein said carrier is removed from said laminated paper wrapping film and said laminated paper wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

FEES:

Applicants have amended claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 such that a total of 3 independent claims and 15 dependent claims remain in this application. It is believed by Applicants that no additional claim fees are required, however, Applicants respectfully request prompt notification in case missing fees are required in order correct such deficiency in a timely manner so that this amendment will be fully responsive on the effective date thereof.

REMARKS:

This amendment is for the purpose of amending the Specification in the original application by cancelling claims 16 and 19 and amending claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 to specifically disclose that the wrapping film claimed is a paper wrapping film and therefore is not metallic in nature thus overcoming the rejections advanced by the Examiner relative to a "metallic embossing foil." Applicants have further amended the claims to differentiate between a piece that is molded and a decorative wrapping film by removing the word molding from the description of the wrapping film.

The Official Action rejects claims 1 - 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suess, et al., U. S. Patent 5,985,078 in view of Abrams, U. S. Patent 5,908,527. In the rejection of these claims, the Examiner contends that Suess, et al., disclose a metallic embossing foil in the abstract and in view of Abrams, '527, which discloses a printed foil laminate that Applicant's disclosure is thereby anticipated. Applicants have canceled claims 16 and 19 wherein a pigmented hot transfer metallic foil is claimed as the transferring ink and have amended the other claims to specify that the wrapping film is a paper film and thus is not a metallic foil. Antecedent basis for a paper wrapping film may be found in the original specification on page 5, line 2, page 8, line 21, page 18 in line 24 and on page 25 in line 9. Applicants have further amended the claims by removing the word "molding" from the description of the paper decorative wrapping film to remove any possible confusion between the term "molding" as used in the field of this industry to refer to a trim piece that surrounds a picture or a door frame and the term "molding" as used in the forming industry to refer to a product that is produced in a mold. Thus, Applicants believe that the instant invention is now fully patentable over Suess, et al., in view of Abrams, '527 as no reference to metallic foil appears in the claims whether the metallic foil is used in either sense of wrapping a metallic foil about a product for protection or comprising a metallic foil as the product. Applicants

respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20.

The Official Action rejects claims 1 - 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abrams, U. S. Patent 5,653,844 in view of Nelson, U. S. Patent 4,724,026. In the rejection of claims 1 - 10, the Examiner states that Abrams, '844 discloses a foil laminate with transfer printing with impressions in the laminate thus leaving a decorative pattern with a suitable adhesive and that Nelson teaches a metallic foil with a transfer sheet stripped away leaving a decorated sheet on the metallic foil thus anticipating Applicants' disclosure. Applicants have canceled claims 16 and 19 wherein a pigmented hot transfer metallic foil is claimed as the transferring ink and have amended the other claims to specify that the wrapping film is a paper film and thus is not a metallic foil. As recited above, Applicants have further removed the term "molding" to prevent any confusion between the multiple uses of the term. Thus, Applicants believe that the instant invention is now fully patentable over Abrams, '844 in view of Nelson and therefore Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of and allowance of claims 1 - 10.

Applicants are greatly appreciative of the Examiner's statement in paragraph 7 that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph with regard to claims 1 - 10 has been overcome. Applicants believe that cancellation of claims 16 and 19 and amendments to claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 specifically reciting that the wrapping film is a paper film have overcome the rejection of these claims based upon 35 U.S.C. 103(a) thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. Thus, claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 remain in this application and Applicants respectfully request allowance thereof.

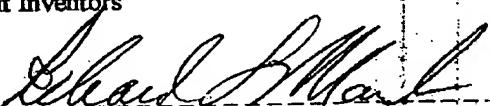
In view of the above, an Action on the merits of this application, as amended, and an allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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